Year as at end March	% Share Net Bank Credit Public Sector Banks	Private Banks
2000	15.8	9.6
2001	15.7	9.6
2002	15.8	NA

(d) Lending by banks and financial institutions to agriculture sector is profitable with relatively lower ratio of defaults.

Ten Rupee Coins

1437. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are contemplating to issue ten rupees coin;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any new measures are being taken by the Reserve bank of India for withdrawal of soiled and mutilated notes from circulation;

(d) whether issuing of coins through post offices is also being contemplated; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) A new series of coins is being planned that would include a coin in Rs. 10 denomination too.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) A pilot arrangement for distribution of coins has been entered into between Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai and General Post Office (GPO), Mumbai. GPO receives full bags of coins of various denominations from the RBI and delivers the coins to different post offices in the Maharashtra circle for issue of coins over their counters. So far, GPO, Mumbai has received a total of 5170 bags of rupee coins worth Rs. 2.84 crores for distribution through their offices. Other RBI Offices are also in discussion with the postal authorities for entering into similar arrangement.